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1. All state governments in the Soviet zone of Germany were approached over two months ago by Derunapht AG, which desired to purchase the assets of the Benzin-Benzol-Vertrieb (BV) which had become state property.
2. The sale has already become effective in Mecklenburg. The state of Thuringia rejected the offer, with the result that its fuel ration has suffered a considerable cut; the pressure applied may force Thuringia to revise its decision.
3. Negotiations are still under way with the state governments of Brandenburg, Saxony, and Saxony-Anhalt. There is every likelihood that Brandenburg will accede to the demands of Derunapht AG. The governments of Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt, on the other hand, have flatly refused to sell their BV properties, pointing out that, according to a ruling of the Control Council of 20 September 1945 (article 5, para. 14c), no German assets whatsoever may pass into foreign hands unless the transfer has been previously approved by the Control Council.

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